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SUBJ: MILITARY BALANCE BRIEFING TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY

IN JUNE 24, 1976 LETTER, CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE, ADMIRAL OF THE FLEET SIR PETER HILL-NORTON SUGGESTED TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL, NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY, THAT THEY INVITE MAJOR GENERAL ERIK FOURNAIS TO BRIEF THE ASSEMBLY ON THE MILITARY BALANCE BETWEEN NATO AND THE WARSAW PACT. ADMIRAL HILL-NORTON REGRETTED THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO BRIEF THE ASSEMBLY IN PERSON AS SECRETARY RUMSFELD HAD SUGGESTED DURING THE JUNE 1976 DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING. ADMIRAL HILL-NORTON'S LETTER IS QUOTED BELOW.

BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR M. DESHORMES,

AT THE MINISTERIAL MEETING HERE THIS MONTH, IT WAS SUGGESTED TO ME BY SECRETARY RUMSFELD THAT I MIGHT ATTEND THE MEETING OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY IN WILLIAMSBURG, BETWEEN 14TH AND 20TH NOVEMBER 1976, TO MAKE A STATEMENT ON THE MILITARY

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BALANCE BETWEEN NATO AND THE WARSAW PACT. YOU MAY RECALL THAT I SPOKE TO MINISTERS ON THIS THEME LAST DECEMBER.

I TOLD MR. RUMSFELD AT THE TIME THAT OWING TO TWO OTHER
INESCAPABLE COMMITMENTS IN NOVEMBER, I SHOULD BE UNABLE TO TAKE
UP THIS PROPOSITION BUT THAT IF THE ASSEMBLY SO WISHED, MAJOR
GENERAL ERIK FOURNAIS, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (INTELLIGENCE)
IN THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF, WOULD BE PLEASED TO GIVE
A BRIEFING ON THIS SUBJECT. I ALSO TOLD SECRETARY RUMSFELD
THAT I WOULD WRITE TO YOU TO FOLLOW UP HIS SUGGESTION.

IF YOUR COMMITTEE AGREE, AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE GENERAL
FOURNAIS SPEAK TO THEM, PERHAPS YOU COULD ARRANGE FOR AN
INVITATION TO BE EXTENDED TO THE GENERAL.
END TEXT.STRAUSZ-HUPE

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